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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an Office Action dated July 9, 2002. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being submitted within three months from the date of that Office

Action.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby certify that, unless submitted herewith, no English language translation is presently available to those individuals identified in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) for any non-English language reference(s) cited.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no Office Action has yet been received in the above-identified application.

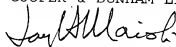
European Patent No. 0 917 400 A2 (Kasai) apparently relates to an apparatus for localizing a sound image and a method for localizing the same.

European Patent No. 1 054 574 A1 (Kawano) apparently relates to a sound image localizing device.

UK Patent No. 2 339 127 A (Hirofumi) apparently relates to a headphone apparatus.

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